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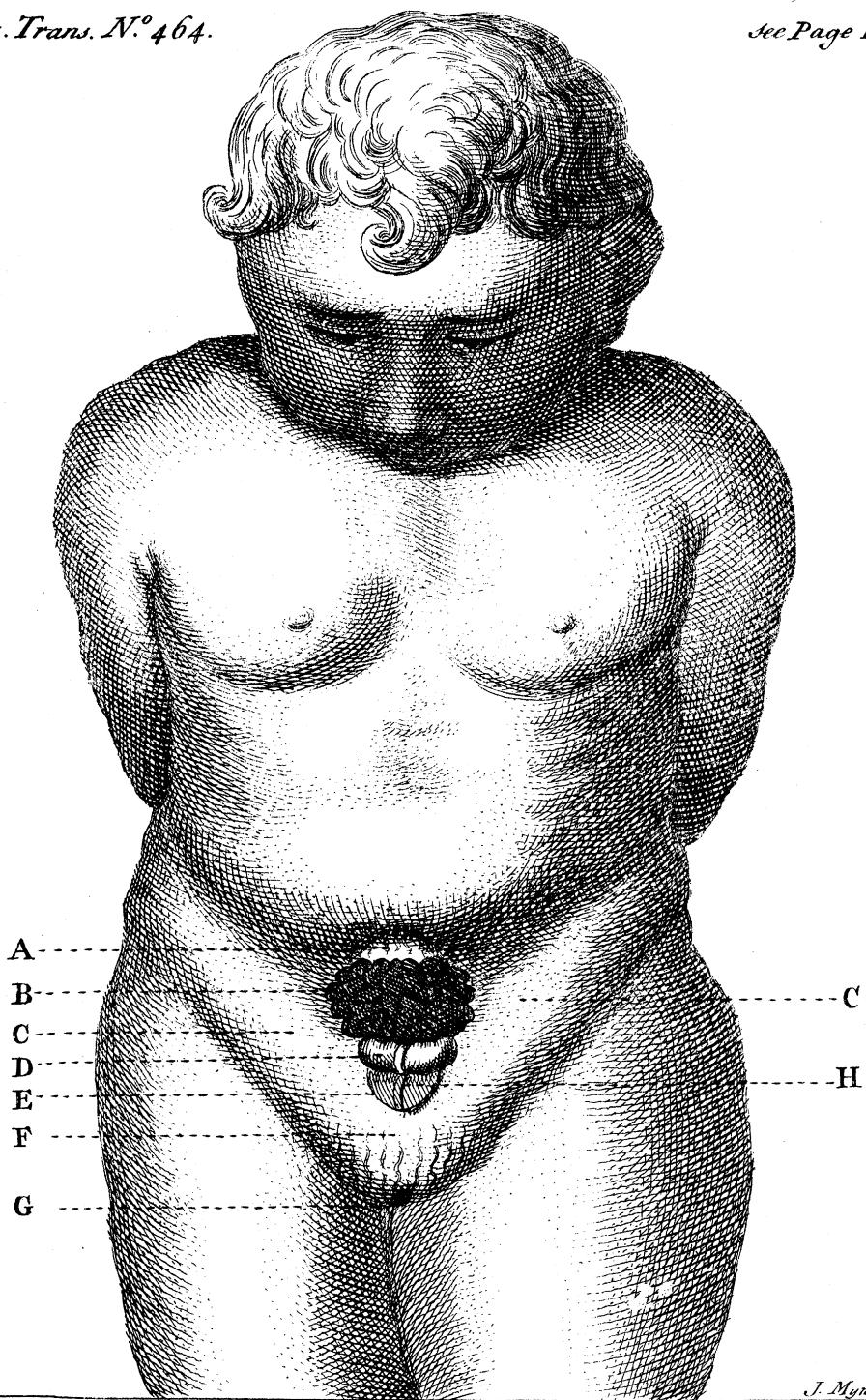
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If we go back to earlier Times, the Emperor *Justin*, in *Cod. Tit. de Off. Præf. Præt. Af.* says, he had seen venerable Men, *qui abscissis radicibus Linguis, pœnas miserabiliter loquebantur*, whose Tongues having been cut out by the Roots, they miserably SPOKE, or complained, of the Punishments they had suffered. And again, *Nonnullos alios, quibus Honorius Vandalorum Rex Linguis radicibus præciderat*, loquela tamen habuisse integrum, that some others, whose Tongues *Honorius*, King of the *Vandals*, had cut out by the Roots, yet perfectly retained their Speech.

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## XII. A remarkable Conformation, or Lusus Naturæ, in a Child; by C. Warwick, Surgeon, in Truro, Cornwall.

*Read July 1.  
1742.* **A**BOUT April 1741. one Sarah Allen, of the Parish of St. Blazy, near Truro, having been married near Four Years, and Mother of Two Children, well-formed and living, was brought to-bed of my present Subject, but of so remarkable and preternatural a Constitution, as must render its whole Life inevitably miserable, the Particulars whereof, from my repeated Observations, are as follows:

The *Umbilicus* is nearly in its natural Site, but somewhat large and prominent, having more the Appearance of a Tumour, than the ordinary irregular Shape of that Organ.

Immediately below this *Umbilicus*, is a large fungous Excrecence, nearly the Size of a small Egg, but somewhat

somewhat depressed, of a fiery Aspect, and exquisitely sensible. The Surface is irregular, being composed of divers Granulations or small Lobes of Flesh; and the Basis of it I could not well discover, my Endeavours being attended with much Pain and Difficulty; however, from the branchy Top of it, I am inclined to think it somewhat pendulous.

Beneath, adjoining to this *Fungus*, is another pretty large Excrescence, neither sensible nor spongy, as the former, but of a solid uniform Contexture. Its Projection from the *Abdomen* is about One-third of an Inch, and, were there a Section made parallel to its Basis, it would be of an Elliptical Figure. In Shape and Dimensions it somewhat resembles the *Glans Penis*, its Surface being covered with the same fine *Membrane*, and has a small Indenture in the Top of it, but it is not so large, and has no Aperture in it.

Suspended to this *Glans*, like the *Omentum* to the *Ventricule*, is a large *Membrane* of a semilunar Figure, loose, flexible, and, when turned up, capable of covering some Part of it. Its Texture nearly resembles that of the *Preputium*, or is somewhat thicker. There is likewise a small Cord or *Frænum*, which arising from the Circumference of this *Membrane*, and bisecting the above *Glans*, terminates under the *Fungus*. About half an Inch below this *Membrane*, is a wrinkled Exuberance resembling a *Scrotum*, but of an uncertain Magnitude, great or small, as the Descent of the Infant's *Intestines*, which having broken their natural Confines, form an unseemly Roll from one *Inguen* to the other. Its Situation is about the upper Edge of the *Os Pubis*, which, in examining this Part, I found greatly deficient, and I am apt to believe, from

from the great Chasm which I perceived there, it must be intirely wanting.

The next thing to be observed is the *Anus*. I found the Situation of this Part more forward than usual, at least by Two Inches; and, if my Conjectures be right, the *Rectum*, from this Position, must take its Course nearly through the Chasm of the *Os Pubis*.

Besides all these Inconveniences, to complete the Child's Misery, there is a perpetual Distillation of Urine from some unseen Passages under the *Fungus*, exciting by its Acrimony, every Moment, Pains and Excoriations.

To conclude : Its Sex is so imperfect, and obscurely represented, that it received no Baptism till Four Months after it was born ; when its Parents, flattering themselves that Nature might take a Turn some time or other for the Child's Advantage, gave it an Appellation applicable to either Sex, as Time and Circumstances should require.

*Truro, April 21. 1742.*

*Explanation of the Figure prefixed.*

<i>A. Umbilicus.</i>	<i>D. Glans.</i>	<i>G. Anus.</i>
<i>B. Fungus.</i>	<i>E. Membrana.</i>	<i>H. Frænum.</i>
<i>CC. Prolapsus.</i>	<i>F. Scrotum.</i>	

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*July 1. 1742. The SOCIETY adjourned to October 28.*

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